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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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11. ☐ Original Patent Grant
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- ☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)
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Statement of Status/Support for all Changes to the Claims

For reissue of U.S. Pat. 6,373,868

This reissue is a broadening reissue. The specification and drawings are kept same as before. The amendment for claims is simple, only a limitation in Claim 1 has been removed. Claim 1 is the only independent claim in the patent.

In Claim 1 two approaches are discovered and specified to realize single longitudinal mode operation in order to solve the well-known so-called "green problem". The step (4) A and B of Claim 1 define the first approach and second approach, respectively.

In the first approach, a formation of wavelength selectivity with low insertion losses, i.e., a low resolving-power spectral filter relative to a low frequency-selective loss has been used in cooperation with a pump head with a thin gain zone that leads to minimizing the spatial hole-burning effect.

However, it is not necessary to stipulate said formation of wavelength selectivity in detail in the first approach in Claim 1 to limit its coverage. Accordingly, those specified members for said formation, which are recited in a Markush group, now have been removed from Claim 1 and then become a succeeding dependent claim, i.e., Claim 2. Such an amendment also makes much clearer for the claimed subject matter without confusion.

Besides, the other succeeding dependent claims have been renumbered and made some small changes correspondingly. On the other words, numbering of patent claims almost is preserved in the present amendment.

[What is "Green Problem"]

It had been harassed and frustrated for many world-class scientists and engineers, for almost ten years from 1986 to 1995, to obtain stable continue wave (CW) visible light, typically green light from the new generation laser system, i.e., DPSS lasers. It is that the well-known so-called "green problem". The essential difficulty in solving the "green problem" results from that, there is a persistent obstacle in effectively obtaining single longitudinal mode CW operation due to the spatial hole-burning effect in solid-state lasers. The related critical design issues are considered to be extremely tough during that time.

[What Is Claimed Is in My Patent and Its Patentability]

In my U.S. Pat. 6,373,868, spatial hole burning effect is minimized by means of a thin gain region in contact with an end cavity mirror. Then a low resolving-power spectral filter with low loss, such as Lyot filter or low-finesse etalon or the like, is used to realize single axial-mode CW operation and stable intracavity SHG output, whereby overcoming the major difficulty with intracavity frequency conversions, i.e., the well-known so-called "green problem".

In order to overcome the well-known so-called "green problem", nobody in the prior art has ever suggested and considered the use of a low resolving-power spectral filter relative to a low frequency-selective loss in cooperation with a pump head with a thin gain zone that leads to minimizing the spatial hole-burning effect. This is the first approach defined by the step (4) A of Claim 1. Also, nobody in the prior art has ever suggested and considered the use of a spectral filter in cooperation with a beam expander to reduce the insertion losses. This is the second approach defined by the step (4) B of Claim 1.